

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 36 and 38 have been amended to place the claims in better conformity with U.S. patent practice. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification as-filed and original claims 1-38. New claims 40-53 have been added. Support for new claims 40-52 can be found in the specification as-filed, for example at paragraphs [058] through [061]. Support for new claim 53 can be found in the specification as-filed and original claim 26. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request examination of this application on the merits.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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